

STATE NEWS

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

Items of Interest Gleaned From Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

A Catholic hospital to cost \$100,000 will be built in Greensboro it is said.

Four capital cases are to be tried at present term of Wilkes court—two for murder and two for infanticide.

Mr. W. B. Fleming, of Warren County, writes: "We are having splendid seasons and all crops are improving wonderfully."

A trolley line is being built between Spencer and Salisbury, a distance of three miles. Spencer is the location of the Southern Railway shops.

The trustees of the Baptist Female University have unanimously adopted the plans submitted by Hook & Sawyer for the conservatory of music, to cost \$25,000. The plans are attractive.

The State Superintendent of Public Instruction has issued orders for warrants for the State's portion (\$10 each) for seven rural school libraries, four in Edgecombe and one each in Mitchell, Beaufort and Granville Counties.

Winston-Sentinel: In giving the rapist and murderer Roseboro a speedy trial, resulting in a conviction, Iredell County, N. C., has set an example for the Northern and the Western people with lynching propensities.

The work of the campaign for better schools has produced results. One hundred and forty-two school districts in the State have voted for local taxation up to date. All were carried by large majorities. Forty-eight districts are still to vote on on the question before October 1.

The increased assessment this year, of \$28,000,000, will bring in an increased revenue to the State, public schools, counties and towns of something like \$350,000. The total tax derived from railways going to State, public schools, counties and towns this year will be something like \$800,000.

Roanoke-Chowan Times: Judge M. H. Justice will preside over the next (October) term of Northampton Superior Court. We do not think our people need fear that he will turn loose any pistol toter or illegal whiskey seller "upon the payments of costs," as has been the custom in the past.

New Bern Journal: The farmers and merchants of Newport and Wildwood have organized with a membership of three hundred, the majority being tobacco farmers. They express themselves as being determined to fight the trust to the last ditch. That's the right spirit, and if the tobacco farmers throughout the tobacco belt will take the same stand, before the trust gets in its work, the fight will be easily won.

Col. Olds: The Audubon law, protecting game birds at all seasons, is well liked. President James Iredell Johnson, of the Raleigh Gun Club, says it is admired and is already having the happiest effect. People all over the State, good people, lovers of the birds, are urged to report all violations of the law.

Charity and Children: Mr. Mann, who is in charge of the penitentiary, has explained again. The noted Will Harris, a colored desperado, escaped from the penitentiary and the officials kept the matter a secret until Harris shot a man in Mecklenburg County. A good many people think the penitentiary needs a change in its management.

One hundred men have paid \$2 each to Capt. B. P. Williamson, as Treasurer of Wake County, rather than work the roads this year. The number is increasing daily. The new road law for Wake County provides that all who are liable for road duty shall work under the direction of the road supervisor for six days each year and for such services he shall receive 50 cents per day. However, instead of working the roads they may pay the county 50 cents a day for six days.

Statesville Landmark: Mr. R. B. Glenn, of Winston, who is expected to be a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, gives it out that he will make a definite announcement about September 1st. Mr. Glenn is doubtless like the Dutch magistrate who, at the close of a trial before him, announced that he would reserve his decision for thirty days but would finally decide in favor of the plaintiff. Mr. Glenn reserves his decision till September 1st, but will doubtless decide to run.

Roxboro Dispatch: The tobacco crop in some parts of Person is very fine and both producers and buyers are confident of better prices than are ruling on eastern markets, all agreeing that the eastern-grown weed does not compare with ours either in texture or flavor and that the tobacco companies much prefer it to the eastern tobacco. There is no talk of doing anything like trying to boycott the American Tobacco Company. The area of production is so insignificant compared with the area of consumption that the company would hardly feel the boycott, as it could be carried into no territory except one that produces tobacco.

Wherever a local tax district is established it stands as a complete argument that carries conviction to other districts as is shown by the large number of districts where local taxation is now pending. Currituck is preparing to vote in four districts, Duplin in three, Sampson in one, Union in one, Dare in sixteen, Wake in one, Northampton in seven, Cabarrus in eight, Burke in two, Guilford in one whole township, Randolph in three districts, Gaston in one, Nash in two, Vance in one, Lincoln in five, Orange in one, Halifax in one, Beaufort in two, Rock-

ingham in three, Gates in one, Forsyth in one, Yadkin in one and Cleveland in several.

Raleigh Post: The Raleigh Leaf Tobacco Company held a most important meeting yesterday to consider the present tobacco situation, and, as level-headed business men that they are, resolved upon the only plan which can promise tangible results. The company decided upon an increase of capital stock and the establishment of a plant for the manufacture of tobacco in all its forms. With 140,000 pounds of last year's crop on hand a good start is already made. Now, this is business and approaches the situation in a business way. And if ever an opportunity presented itself for such enterprise, the present condition of affairs certainly furnishes it.

Greensboro dispatch: Messrs. Gilbert T. Pearson, J. T. Foust, P. D. Gold, Jr., of Greensboro; Henry E. Knox, of Charlotte, and R. N. Wilson, of Guilford College, members of the State Executive Committee of the State Audubon Society, held a meeting of the committee at the Benbow Hotel here last night. Secretary Pearson was instructed to prepare and have printed blanks for the license to be issued by the Clerk of the Court to hunters, and to send them to the clerks of the Superior Court in the various counties. It was also decided to organize a junior branch of the Audubon Society, and literature will be prepared, printed and distributed to the children of the public schools. Mrs. W. C. A. Hammell, of Greensboro, was elected secretary of the organization, and will at once begin the work of organizing the young people. Secretary Pearson left for Raleigh to-day to assist in organizing a local branch there to-night, and will go to Goldsboro tomorrow for a like purpose in that city.

Sparta Cor. Charlotte Observer: Our farmers "in these parts" are making hay these days. These farmers live easier on much less work than their eastern and Southern neighbors. They raise abundance of hay on their rich meadows and mountain sides. Doves of fat cattle graze on the pastures, and ever and anon flocks of sheep watch the passers-by. Many fine colts spend their summers in the pastures, and are wintered on the hay. Large fields of buckwheat await the reapers, and now the song of the threshers is heard on the hills. There is no toiling in hot cotton fields, or dreary rising to the uncanny notes of four o'clock whistles. Our people live at home, fanned in summer by cooling mountain breezes, and warmed in winter by roaring fires. There is no rush through life. The people just go along with the days. We are in the land of milk and honey, buckwheat cakes and maple syrup. The land produces well, the farmers save it well, the women prepare it well, and the children live well. We are just living along over here, trying to serve the Lord, and honor our dear old State. We are not living too fast to appreciate things as they come.

Agriculture in the Schools.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner last week sent out the following letter to the various county and city school superintendents:

"In view of the fact that eighty-five per cent of the people of our State live by farming, and in view of the further fact that a large per cent of our farm tillers get their only education in the public schools, the Legislature of North Carolina has ordered that the Elements of Agriculture shall be taught in all the schools of the Commonwealth.

"All modern arts and trades are benefitting by the discoveries and adaptations of science. Farmers should share in these benefits. It has been fully demonstrated that children can be taught the fundamental principles of good cultivation of the soil just as they can be taught the fundamental principles of arithmetic and grammar. Indeed, if our farmers are to hold their own in the sharp competition of modern life, our future farmers must learn these principles and their application.

"The State Board of Education has adopted a simple and beautifully illustrated book as a text for this subject—a book that any capable teacher can teach by following the methods suggested in the book. This book is called 'Agriculture for Beginners,' and is published by Ginn & Company. It will be on sale at all State depositories.

"Section 16 of the Text-Book Law requires all books adopted by the Text-Book Commission to be introduced and used as text-books to the exclusion of all others in all the public free schools of the State. In conformity, therefore, to the law of the State, you are instructed to see that every teacher in the schools, white and colored, under your supervision, adds this subject to the regular course of instruction.

"I suggest that all pupils in each school, who are over fourteen years old and such others as are sufficiently advanced, be arranged into one class for this work."

Raleigh Post: Our friends of the Farmers' Alliance had a splendid session at their annual meeting Wednesday, with every evidence of growing influence and opportunity for good. There never was so good an opportunity for real uplifting work on part of those who till the soil as is now presented, and only through thorough organization can the best results be obtained. Another healthy and most promising feature of the present organization is the fact that intelligent and successful farmers dominate its management and direct its councils. A glance over the names of those present and conspicuous in the control of affairs will satisfy all that there is not a politician among them, that class who would farm the farmers rather than counsel and aid in developing the farms of the State. This is well, and encouraging.